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24th February, 1943.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in an abridged form as instructed by The Welsh Board of Health.

The health of the district during the year 1942 has been good and no major outbreaks of zymotic disease have occurred. The number of cases of infectious disease notified was the smallest for some years reaching a total of only twenty one cases. Three cases of Diphtheria were included in this number and it is interesting to note that they were all in people who had not been immunised against the disease.

The progress of anti-diphtheritic immunisation has been steady and all the schools in the area were visited at least once during the year and those children immunised whose parents consent has been obtained previously. It is estimated that about 52% of the total child population under the age of fifteen have completed the course of immunisation against the disease. The percentage is higher in children of school age than in infants.

The incidence of tuberculosis remains steady and there has been no marked increase in the number of new cases notified, as has been the case in other areas in the country. The numbers involved, however, are so small that no generalisations may be made. Twentyfour cases of tuberculosis remained on the register at the end of the year.

There is still a marked preponderance in the number of births notified in the district (602) over the number of deaths (68 uncorrected for inward and outward transfers). This is accounted for by the presence in the area of two maternity homes which take in patients, the majority of whom are not normally resident in the district.

No serious nuisances were brought to my notice during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.C.H.BIRD.

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